

WEATHER
Cloudy tonight
showers tomorrow

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STUCK KNIFE IN WIFE'S THROAT AND NOW HE PLEADS GUILTY

Murderer Confesses to Charge of Awful Crime--Enters His Plea of Guilty on the First Anniversary of His Marriage to Bessie Kent Webster.

OEGON, Ill., Jan. 13.—Dr. H. E. Webster pleaded guilty to murder in the Ogle county court here yesterday on the first anniversary of his marriage to Bessie Kent Webster, whom, by his own confession, he killed near here last September. Webster withdrew a plea of not guilty previously made by him.

Webster was charged with murdering his wife in a woods between Dixon and Polo, Ill., last fall. Webster's attorneys said they would place no witnesses on the stand.

Despite this announcement, State's Attorney Emerson and Sheriff Delaney were prepared with witnesses and documentary evidence to submit what they termed an "air tight" case against the physician.

Attorney John E. Erwin of Webster's counsel, in a brief statement after the defendant was taken before Judge Farrand, announced formally that his client desired to enter the plea of guilty. Webster then made the plea of guilty in person.

Judge Farrand asked Webster if the defendant understood that he was entitled to trial by jury and if the plea of guilty was made with Webster's own free will.

To each question Webster replied "yes."

After he had entered his plea, Webster seated himself at the side of his mother, who wept quietly throughout the proceedings.

State's Attorney Emerson placed several witnesses on the stand to

present certain features of the state's case.

Dr. L. M. Griffin, who made an examination of Mrs. Webster's body, testified that Mrs. Webster's death was due to a knife wound in the neck, which separated the jugular vein. He also described an operation, which he said, had been performed on Mrs. Webster some time before her death.

TONOPAH RESIDENT SUICIDES AT MANHATTAN

Cark T. Shaw, a mill man who left here two weeks ago to take charge of the Priest mill at Manhattan for the Big Four company, committed suicide at that camp last Thursday by taking a quantity of cyanide of potassium. The deceased had resided in Tonopah off and on for several years, and was highly esteemed by all of his acquaintances. The cause of his taking his own life is supposed to be the severe pains he had to endure from inflammatory rheumatism, from which he was a great sufferer.

OLD SEAL POACHER AND SMUGGLER GONE TO PIECES

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 13.—Wrecked on the rocks of Punta Maria, 150 miles south of San Quentin, Lower California, the old schooner Carmencita, notorious years ago in the north Pacific, has found a last resting place. News of the disaster was received yesterday by Alfredo Sandoval, of this city to whom the boat was chartered. The crew of the schooner, consisting of three seamen and four fishermen, walked from the scene of the wreck to San Quentin, and were ill and destitute. The Carmencita was noted for its fleetness and achieved an unpleasant reputation in the north Pacific as a seal poacher first, and then as a smuggler of contraband, mostly Chinese.

CONFIRMED BY POPE.

ROME, Jan. 13.—The appointment of Monsignor Boggiana, bishop of Adria, as apostolic delegate to Mexico, has been confirmed by the pope.

ANOTHER WIFE MURDERER PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY

Dies on the Gallows for His Cowardly Crime--Murderer Makes Statement Declaring His Innocence Before Being Dropped Into Eternity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—M. A. Wilkins, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Vernie Carmen, with whom he eloped from Kansas City in 1907, was hanged at San Quentin prison at 10:31 a. m. yesterday. The body was pronounced dead and taken from the scaffold at 10:47.

Just before being taken from the death chamber, Wilkins made the following statement to Warden Hoyle:

"I want you to say for me, as my last words on earth, that I am an innocent man, and have no fear to death. Express my deep gratitude to those who have been active in trying to secure a pardon."

Wilkins slept soundly all night. He dressed carefully and announced to his guard that he was ready. Two priests came to his cell and spent the hour preceding the execution alone with him.

The condemned man walked with a firm step to the death chamber,

where a small group of physicians, prison officials and newspaper reporters were waiting. The cap and noose were adjusted and the trap sprung in less than three minutes.

A bit of metal, sharpened to a razor edge, was found in Wilkins' prayer book after the execution.

The body of Mrs. Carmen was found beneath the stable of the house where Wilkins lived at Elmhurst, Alameda county, November 27, 1907. Wilkins was arrested and quickly convicted of the crime. He secured a number of delays in the carrying out of his sentence and it was only by final refusal of Governor Johnson to pardon him Wednesday that he lost hope.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Vernie Carmen, for whose death Mark A. Wilkins was sentenced to die, was the daughter of Henry J. Linderman, a hotel proprietor at Sheffield, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City. She was the wife of Louis L. Carmen, a railroad engineer, from whom she had separated a year before her death.

Carmen thought his wife had been killed in a railroad wreck near Springfield, Mo., where he lived, but when he learned that Wilkins was under arrest for the murder of a woman in California, he decided to go there and view the woman's body. Carmen identified the body as that of his wife by a dentist's chart that he took from Kansas City. He and his wife were never divorced.

Awful Acts of Barbarism Committed by Imperialists

BEAUTIFUL BIRDS ADORNED RIGGING OF BATTLESHIP

BRITISH GUNBOAT ARRIVES FROM ACAPULCO WITH MANY BIRDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—With gaily chattering Central American parrots perched on her yards, guns and railings, the British gunboat Algerine arrived yesterday from Acapulco, Mexico, enroute to Victoria, B. C., where the crew will be discharged and returned to England and another crew taken on. The Shearwater, a sister ship, is relieving the Algerine on her Central American station.

Apparently every man of the 600

seamen aboard the Algerine had a pet parrot and they were in evidence everywhere except in the brig. The British consul caused great enthusiasm among the crew by giving them their first news that one of the Algerine's crew had broken the world's record by making six hits in six shots in 64 seconds at Comox last year.

LICENSED TO WED.

A marriage license was issued yesterday by Cupid Pohl to Martin Tomaz and Mary Simonich, both Austrians. Tonopah is given as the residence of both parties.

VIENNA BAKERY GETS GOBBLER

Last night Frank Schneider of the Vienna bakery was the lucky man at the New Nevada club. His name appeared on the card that gives to a customer every other night a fat turkey.

COLD WAVE CONTINUES; COAL FAMINE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Chicago is still suffering from its ninth consecutive day of zero weather. Although there have been intervals of a few hours when the mercury climbed above this mark each day, at some time zero has been reached and passed, establishing a record for more than twenty years.

At midnight last night the government thermometers stood at zero but an hour later one degree below was registered and at 6 o'clock this mark still stood.

Throughout the night a fine snow fell, driven by a bitter northwest wind. No relief was held out for the day, the prediction being that or 12 below.

Each day brings stories of suffering in every part of the city. The funds of charitable organizations have been practically exhausted and the country is finding it difficult to supply the wants of the poor.

Mayor Harrison said that he would issue an appeal for funds

for the aid of the city's poor.

Chicago is on the verge of a coal famine. Dealers said yesterday that if the present cold weather lasts four days more the surplus will be exhausted. Prices in four days have advanced on various grades from 10 cents to \$1 a ton.

ORE SHIPMENTS FOR THE PAST WEEK

The ore shipments for the past week for the various producing mines in the Tonopah district are as follows:

Mine	Tons
Tonopah Mining	2550
Belmont	2450
Montana-Tonopah	1054
Tonopah Ex.	957
West End	750
Midway	40
Total	8801

The estimated value of all ores sent to the mills by the various mining companies is \$221,925.

Republican Troops Being Skinned Alive ---Big Transport Carrying American Troops Has Left Manila.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The gravest reports are coming regarding the situation at Lanchow. According to a news agency dispatch from Tien Tsin, the reported reached that city yesterday that the imperial troops were acting with the most fiendish brutality.

The allegation is made that they captured an officer of the republican troops, whom they first tortured and skinned alive. They shot a Red Cross assistant.

It is further reported that they are shooting without mercy every Chinese whom they encountered without a queue. The imperial soldiers, it is stated, are without discipline and have got completely out of hand.

MANILA, Jan. 13.—The United States transport Logan left yesterday with a battalion of the 15th infantry and other details on board on the way to Chin Wang Tao, in northern China. The American soldiers after they have disembarked are to be employed in guarding a section of the Peking railroad from Tang Shan to Lanchow against the possible attack of either imperial-

ists or republican troops.

The loading of the transport Logan as not completed until shortly after midnight Thursday. A driving rain which fell throughout the forenoon caused considerable delay. The 95 horses and mules which are attached to the expedition as gun teams and draft horses, were taken on board at the last minute. Eight big army wagons also were shipped as well as an automobile truck and one or two ambulances.

General Bell, accompanied by his staff, made a thorough inspection of the vessel and of each man of the expedition. He talked for several minutes with the assembled officers of the regiment, giving them their final instructions.

Captain Peter W. Davison, Fourth Infantry, one of General Bell's aides de camp, is accompanying the expedition to Chang Wang Tao, but will return to Manila as soon as the troops have landed.

As the vessel left the quayside the band of the Fifteenth Infantry played a selection of patriotic airs and there was much waving of handkerchiefs and flags until she was lost to view.

have arrived and the lads are now to be seen and heard in their parents' woodsheds getting their mouths in shape to blow wind into the instruments that emit musical strains and set the neighbors wild. The boys are now mastering the scale, and under the leadership of Professor A. H. Yoder, who is a master of the art as a band leader, inside of three months the school brass band will be an honor to our growing city.

FIREMEN'S DANCE COMMITTEE.

The following committees have been named to arrange for the annual Volunteer Firemen's dance, to be given on the evening of February 14:

Arrangement and Floor—Chief A. M. Murphy, chairman; John O'Connell, Scott Mallen, Martin Johnson, Professor Brown, Edward Malley.

Printing and Music—H. E. Epistola, F. P. Barnham, A. L. Frost.

HEARING BEGINS IN WHITE SLAVE CASE IN RENO

HEARING OF ALLEGED WHITE SLAVER IN JUSTICE COURT IS CONTINUED.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 13.—The preliminary examination of Hyman London, charged with being a white slaver, was set for yesterday noon at 2 o'clock and counsel for the defense were in the justice court at the time set.

District Attorney Woodburn, however, telephoned over that district court matters would prevent either himself or Deputy Moore prosecuting the case and Judge Davis con-

tinued the hearing over till Monday morning.

All parties concerned in the case are reticent, but it is believed that the prosecution is awaiting a wire containing instructions.

London and the woman with whom he was arrested, are both apparently foreigners. An immigration official has been here for several days looking into the case.

KILLS WILDCAT.

This morning while out coyote hunting back of Butler mountain, G. W. Irvine and Tom Bayless came upon a large female wildcat, and a bullet from Bayless' rifle snuffed the life out of the obnoxious animal. The cat is a very large one and the skin has been sent to Salt Lake to be dressed.

FREE DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

There will be a free dance and lunch given in the dining room of the Torino tomorrow evening. All are invited to attend. 11

MANY TURKISH SEAMEN GO DOWN WITH SHIPS

ROME, Jan. 13.—The first important naval battle in the Turco-Italian war occurred in the Red sea, January 7, when an Italian cruiser squadron sank seven Turkish gunboats after a sharp conflict.

Many Turkish seamen went down with their ships, but others were rescued by boats from the Italian warships. A Turkish yacht was captured and is being brought to Italy. The Turks were believed by the Italians to be preparing to convoy a military expedition which was to cross Egypt and join the Turkish forces in Tripoli.

The action occurred outside the bay of Kufda, a small walled city with a garrison and two forts, about 500 miles north of Aden on the east coast of the Red sea.

The Italian warships which took the principal part in the battle were the cruiser Piemonte and the destroyers Garibaldi and Artigliere. The commander-in-chief had received orders to destroy or capture the Turkish gunboats, as admissions had been received that they were transporting from Arabia Turkish troops destined to reinforce

the Turkish army in Cyrenaica by way of Egypt.

A brief official note issued yesterday says:

"The Italian fleet in the Red sea encountered and destroyed seven Turkish gunboats and captured a Turkish armed yacht. The Turkish warships offered a violent resistance, but no loss was sustained by the Italians."

As soon as the Italian warships encountered the Turkish gunboats, a short distance out of the bay of Kufda, they sent shots across their bows and called on them to surrender. The Turkish vessel gave no sign of compliance and the Italians immediately opened a terrific fire, throwing in a hail of shells from their broadsides.

All seven of the Turkish boats were soon on fire and began to sink. Boats lowered from the Italian warships picked up many Turkish seamen, but a large number were drowned.

The shells from the Italian ships were not directed at the Turkish yacht Fawvela, which is being brought to Rome.